

REMARKS

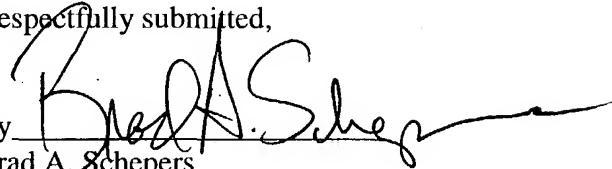
The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/042,589.

The Applicant has amended the first page of the Specification to reflect the priority data associated with the subject application.

The Applicant has cancelled claims 1-40 without prejudice. Additionally, Applicant has submitted new claims 41-65 which are believed to be patentable over the art of record.

The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment and allowance of the pending claims 41-65. If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding matters that can be addressed in a telephonic interview, the undersigned would welcome such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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